

# **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

- 1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Board of Electrolysis Examiners
- 2. Rulemaking hearing date:** January 3, 2007

- 3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

Amendments to 0540-1-.04, .05, .06, .08

(a) Electrologists who currently practice in a state which does not require licensure and are seeking licensure in Tennessee with the intent to practice independently, or as an employee, or as an independent contractor; and

(b) Employers of electrologists.

Amendment to 0540-1-.12

Continuing education course providers.

- 4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

Amendments to 0540-1-.04, .05, .06, .08

Electrologists who currently practice in a state which does not require licensure and are seeking licensure in Tennessee with the intent to practice independently or as an employee, or as an independent contractor.

Amendment to 0540-1-.12

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendment will reduce, rather than increase, small business expenses.

- 5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

Amendments to 0540-1-.04, .05, .06, .08

Employers of electrologists.

Amendment to 0540-1-.12

Continuing education course providers.

**6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

Amendments to 0540-1-.04, .05, .06, .08

The anticipated increase in licensees will increase competition for jobs and customers, and may have a suppressing effect on salaries.

Amendment to 0540-1-.12

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendments will favorably, rather than adversely, impact continuing education course providers.

**7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:**

Amendments to 0540-1-.04, .05, .06, .08

The Board does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives to the proposed rule amendments because the proposed easing of licensure requirements for out of state applicants is the less burdensome alternative.

**8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:**

Federal: The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts.

State: The proposed rule amendments regarding licensure of individuals who have practiced in a state that does not license electrologists and who have not taken an examination will have no state counterpart because the other health-related licensing boards in Tennessee only have rules stating the other state's licensure requirements must meet or exceed Tennessee's requirements. Those board's rules do not address individuals coming from states where licensure is not offered.

The proposed rule amendments regarding continuing education are similar to state rules for most of the health-related licensing boards, committees, and councils.